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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136, the applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month to respond to the Office Action mailed August 17, 2005

Response will therefore be timely if filed with the Patent and Trademark Office no later than December 19, 2005 (December 17, 2005 being a Saturday).

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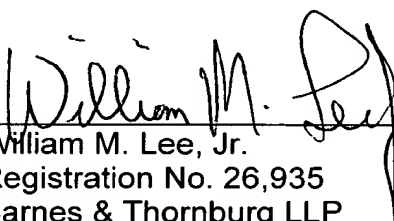
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.17, the required fee of \$120 is attached hereto.

December 16, 2005

Respectfully submitted,



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